



# The Green Bin

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## Welcome to Spring!

**GREAT NEWS!** For the first time, the City's recycling rate is above 50%! For Fiscal Year 2010, the City of Newton's recycling rate was 52% That is an increase of 7% over the previous year! Trash tonnages are down by 2500 Tons (or 10%), which equals 208 trash trucks filled to capacity! Recycling has increased by over 3700 Tons (or 18%), that's the same as 804 elephants! Keep up the excellent work!

**Yard Waste Collections** resume the week of April 11th. Please place in paper yard waste bags or barrels labeled with "YARD WASTE ONLY" labels and put to the curb prior to 7am on your collection day. (Stickers available at City Hall Customer Service Center) Plastic bags are NOT accepted. [Click here](#) for more details.



Interested in composting at home? The City sells low-cost bins and provides how-to tips, [click here](#) for more information!



**Rain Barrels for Sale!** Interested in Water Conservation? Collect rain water runoff to water your garden! Rain barrels can be purchased for \$72.70 online at [New England Rain Barrel](#) or by calling 1.877.977.3135.

Pickup dates for Newton will be Saturday, April 23rd and Tuesday, April 26th at the Rumford Avenue Recycling Depot. Please note rain barrels must be purchased by Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW SCHEDULE! Household Hazardous Waste Drop-offs** resume Wednesday, May 11th from 7:30am-12:30pm. Drop-offs for 2011 will be every Wednesday until June 29th and then again from September 7th– October 12th at the [Rumford Ave Recycling Depot](#). There will also be drop-offs on four separate Saturdays: May 21, June 25, September 17, and October 15. The facility will be closed in July and August, except for July 20th and August 17th.



For a listing of accepted materials, managing hazardous waste, alternative products and how to transport materials safely, [click here](#).

**Sharps Take Back Day** Do you have used needles from medical treatment? Do you want to safely dispose of your pet's medication syringes? The City of Newton will take your used sharps for safe disposal from Newton Residents on **Saturday, May 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the [Rumford Avenue Recycling Depot](#).



To take part in this free service, residents must bring their sharps in a puncture resistant container such as a detergent bottle or red medical waste container. The container should be tightly closed. Loose needles and lancets will not be accepted. To make this program cost effective, containers should be nearly full. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Program Updates

**Styrofoam Recycling Pilot** The [Rumford Avenue Recycling Depot](#) now accepts clean white Styrofoam for recycling! Packing pieces, trays, coffee cups, all types of white Styrofoam! All Styrofoam MUST be in bags (no loose Styrofoam will be accepted) please NO packing peanuts.



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Helpful Links:

[Automated Program Questions](#)

[Single Stream Recycling Guidelines](#)

[The Recycling Depot at Rumford Ave](#)

[Recyclopedia—A-Z guide](#)

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